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D. (SBU) Foreign Ministry Disarmament Affairs officer Abdullah al-Riyami confirmed to Pol/Econ chief June 11 that Oman has received the official Polish invitation to attend the June 23 Proliferation Security Initiative High-Level Political Meeting (refs A-C), including information regarding on-line registration. The invitation was delivered via Poland's embassy in Riyadh. Al-Riyami said he will confirm as soon as possible Omani attendance. Unlike the recent PSI exercise Anatolian Sun held in Turkey (ref D), which four Omani military officers attended as observers, al-Riyami noted that the Poland event was political and therefore would require attendance, if any, by Foreign Ministry rather than military personnel. P/E chief noted the Foreign Minister's positive indications regarding Omani attendance at the Warsaw event, and encouraged al-Riyami to inform him as soon as Oman's attendees are confirmed.

E. (SBU) Comment: Oman's attendance at the Turkish PSI exercise in May marked the first time Oman has taken part in a multinational PSI event outside the Sultanate. We anticipate some level of Omani participation in Warsaw on June 23 as well, giving further impetus to Omani engagement on PSI.

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